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BROADMEAD WETLANDS 1993 UPDATE

Note: The Broadmead Wetlands, a 11.31-acre, half-million-dollar easement construction project paid for by the State and Federal Governments to compensate for lands destroyed in extending Warren Road to I-83, is managed by the State Highway Administration. Details of its progress toward completion is the focus of this article, the fourth in a series.

Late spring 1994 is now the target date for completion of the Broadmead Wetlands Project. Chief among the tasks remaining for spring are building an access path south of our pool and planting the Zone Emergent Herbaceous Wetland areas and the Wild Flower Meadow. Again Broadmead's Administration asks us to look from a distance and avoid using the wetland area until work is complete and a go-ahead is given.

PROGRESS IN 1993

Despite the very wet spring and the very dry summer, 1993 has brought the completion of the major wetland construction and the planting of hundreds of trees across the entire area. In May and June, excavation on the nine shallow basins that are classified as wetlands was completed and topsoil spread over them. Quick-growing annual grasses and grains that are not expected to reseed themselves were sown to prevent erosion. (The most spectacular of these, heavy-headed millet, now ripe, has attracted many feeding birds.)

A Bridge and Grass on the Wetland Walk. An iron bridge of the type whose rust is considered a preservative of the metal, contracted for by Broadmead, was installed on the Wetland Walk across the drain that flows from the cattail area south of our BCD apartments. This bridge unites the west and east ends of Wetland Walk, a slightly elevated trail that extends the length of the Project near Western Run and then curves northward to join the paved access road near the garden area. This trail was planted with 518 pounds of State Highway Administration (SHA) certified perennial grass seed mix No. 2 (50 percent Kentucky bluegrass, 40 percent creeping red fescue Pennlawn, and 10 percent red top). Because of the dry summer, some reseeding may have to be done.

The Big, Noisy Machines Depart. With bridge in and planting zones completed, the construction machines departed, and the SHA Field Offices near York Road were removed.

PLANTING THE TREES AND SHRUBS

Tree planting had been scheduled for fall 1992, but wet weather and work-delays kept the grading contractor from completing any of the planting basins until spring 1993. As soon as the land was ready, Ecological Restoration and Management, Inc. (ERM), the planting contractors, placed David Blalock in charge as Project Manager, and 70 percent of the trees in the four big Zone I and II Wetland basins south of Western Run were planted.

When summer's extreme drought hit, planting was halted and all summer long, two or three times a week, ERM crews watered the 700 trees. In early September planting was resumed, and within three weeks all trees and shrubs on both sides of the stream were in the ground.

The Planting Process. Planting was a coordinated process. First, two-man teams used a motorized augur (such as is now employed to dig postholes) to scoop out hundreds of depressions approximately a foot wide and equally deep, spaced according to specifications, to receive the plants. Then teams of three to five ERM field workers trucked in the small container-grown plants from wetland nurseries approved by the SHA. Most of our young trees came from Oxford, Pennsylvania or Montrose, Virginia with one large truck bringing in as many as 350 containerized plants of one variety.

The planting team took them from the truck to designated areas, removed them from their pots, and firmed them in the prepared holes. Miss Archer monitored and kept a record of all planting for SHA.

While most planting was by a specified random pattern, when possible the more water-tolerant trees such as willows and sycamores were set in the wettest parts of basins. Many of the plants were taller than the contract-specified two to three feet, with some willows and sycamores six feet high. ERM workers staked some of the taller plants. Young trees in a varied pattern now stand six to eight feet apart across all zones scheduled to receive them.

HUNDREDS OF TREES

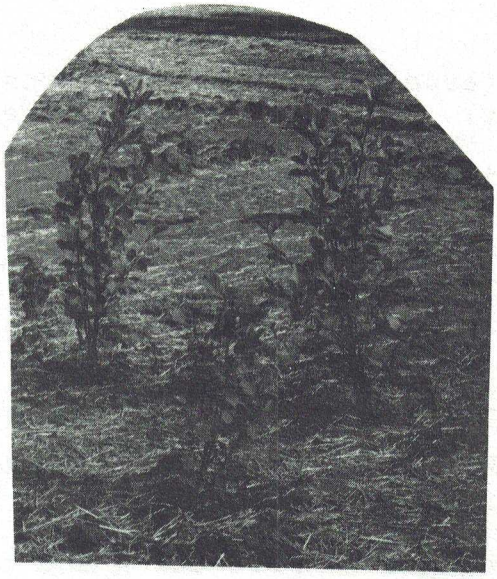
More than 2,400 native trees and shrubs have been planted on the north and south sides of Western Run! Of these, 1,577 are canopy-type trees, 688 are understory trees (varieties that grow to lesser height), and 168 are shrubs (plants with multiple woody stems).

Varieties Included. The trees planted include approximately 200 each of red maple, silver maple, and green ash, 300 American sycamores, 400 black willows, and lesser numbers of pin oaks, cottonwoods, pignut hickories, tulip poplars, beeches, and white and red oaks.

Of the understory trees there are more than 200 smooth alder, 150 service-berry (shadblow), 130 American hornbeam, 100 black gum, and in the upland area near York Road where the SHA offices stood, lesser numbers of redbud, dogwood, and cockspur hawthorn, and 11 red cedars, the only conifers in the Project.

Shrubs, many of which produce food for birds and other wild life, include red chokeberry, silky dogwood, northern spicebush, black elderberry, narrow-leaved meadowsweet, arrowwood, mountain laurel, maple-leaf viburnum and black haw.

The Zones Where They Are Planted. Those of you who have kept the map from your October 1992 VOICE will note that shapes and relative sizes of areas vary somewhat from those existing now, as is usually true in wetlands projects because of terrain and water-saturation factors. However, the overall zoning and planting pattern has not changed.



Wetland Zone 1 plantings include red and silver maple, ash, sycamore, pin oak, willow, service-berry, hornbeam, gum, chokeberry, silky dogwood, spicebush and elderberry.

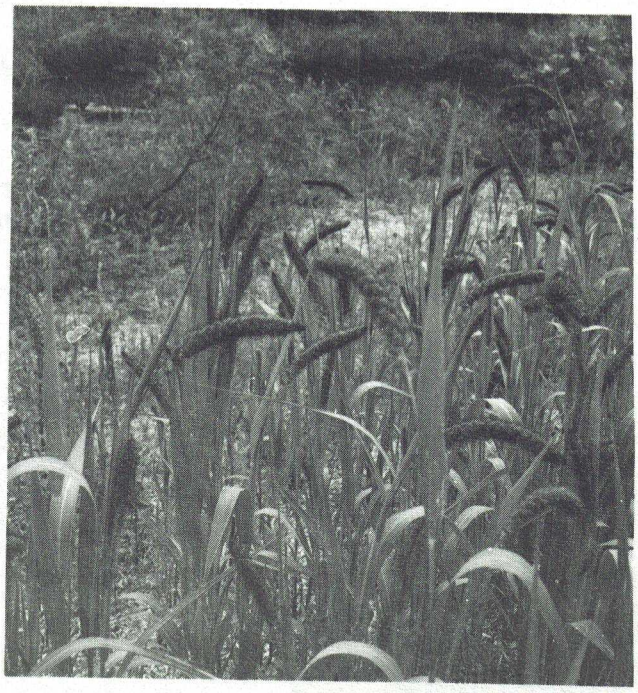
In Wetland Zone 2 areas there are fewer varieties, with these included: willow, sycamore, smooth alder, buttonbush, winterberry and meadowsweet.

In Streambank Zone 4 areas are red maple, silver maple, ash, sycamore, cottonwood, service-berry, hornbeam, silky dogwood, spicebush and arrowwood.

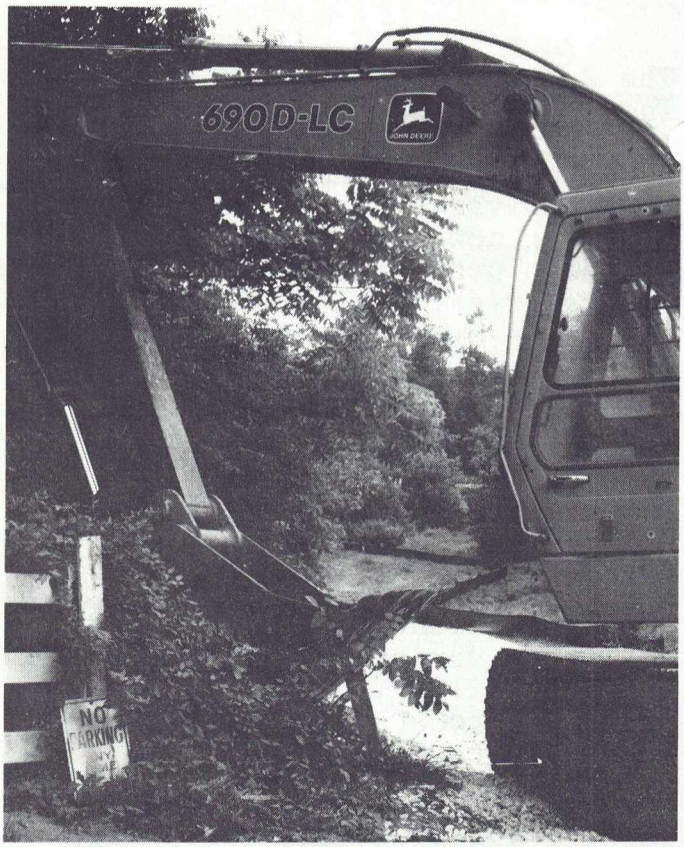
In Upland Zone 5 where the portable offices stood there are pignut hickory, beech, tulip poplar, white and red oak, redbud, dogwood, hawthorne, cedar, mountain laurel, elderberry, maple-leaf viburnum, arrowwood and black haw.

THE GUARANTEE AND HAZARDS

Broadmead Wetlands SHA Contract No. 3 928-533-470, Federal Aid Project No. M-3020 (4) specifies that "The contractor shall maintain a two (2) year 75 percent care and replacement warranty on Planting Zones 1 and 2, and an 85 percent care and replacement warranty on Zones 3 and 4."



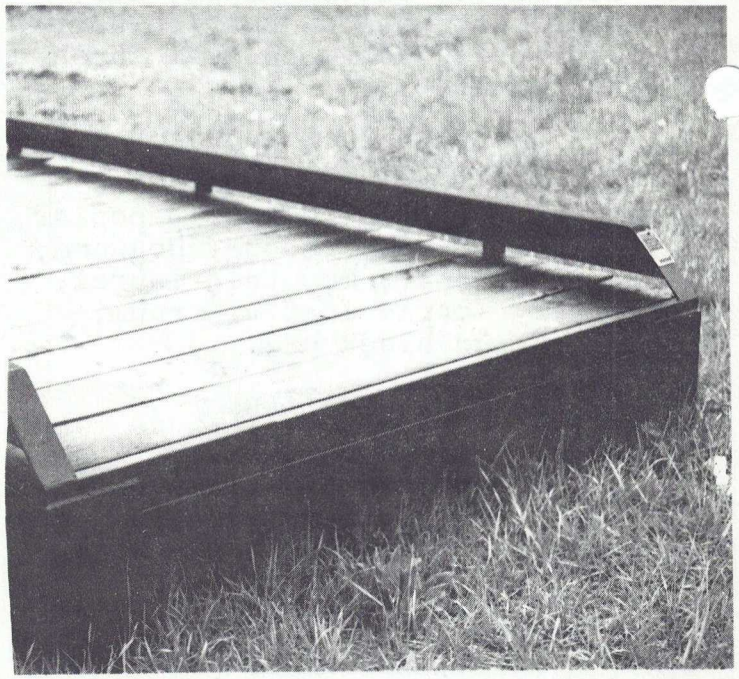
Asked what major hazards could endanger plant survival, SHA and ERM staff mentioned extreme drought,



deer (especially for herbaceous plants), rabbits (for young trees) and a "big alien weed monster on the site, polygonum, at the stream bank." Based on wetland projects ERM has planted, Mr. Blalock predicts only a 10 to 15 percent loss, "barring something catastrophic - disease, weather extremes."

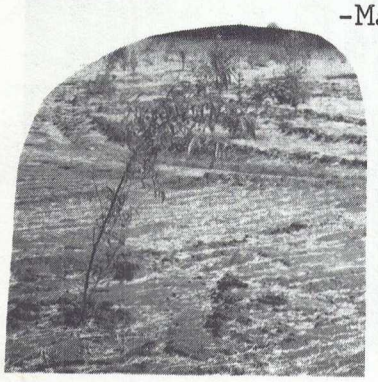
THE FUTURE OF OUR WETLANDS

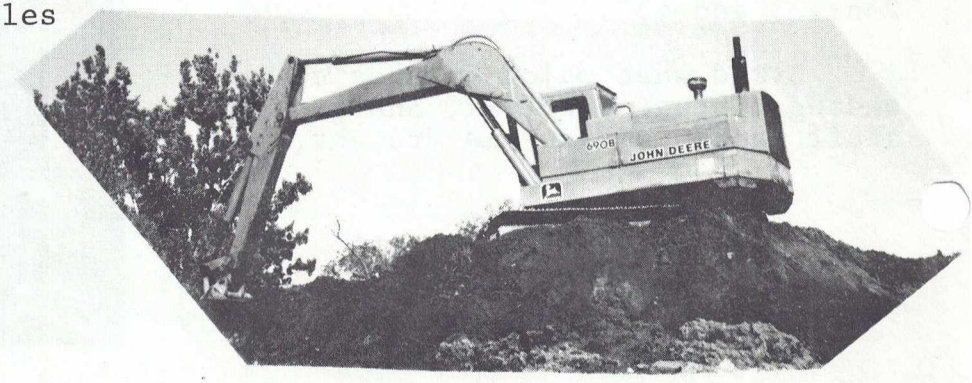
Wetlands are considered so critical to our ecology and to our very survival that our nation and states are engaged in protecting and restoring them. Asked about the future of the Broadmead Project, Mr. Blalock responded, "Obviously this man-made creation can perform only as mother nature would like it to in the long run. The area has been manipulated to be what the engineer felt would be conducive to a functioning wetland. It will be interesting to see how the site adapts to its manipulated condition and how well it mimics what the engineers had intended, with certain areas supporting different plant life corresponding to their hydrologic-wet-needs. Bird-watchers should enjoy the area as well as the generally 'nature curious.' The adapted rate of plant growth and plant survival would be good indicators to look for as well."



The Wetland trees are tiny, but the tall white pines on our east Perimeter Road were planted after Broadmead opened. Perhaps if the Wetland plans were sound and nature is kind, Broadmeaders 30 years from now may ask, "Shall we walk in our old northern or our young southern woodland?"

-Maud Broyles





BROADMEAD WELCOMES

ROBERTA O'WESNEY H-9 771-1843
September 1993

Bobbe was born in Harrisburg, Pa., came to Baltimore as a teenager and attended Western High School and Notre Dame College, majoring in art and education. She then won a scholarship to Catholic University where she earned a Master of Fine Arts with a minor in Guidance. While teaching art and serving as a counselor in secondary schools in Baltimore City and County, she earned a doctorate at the University of Maryland in Educational Administration and Human Development during evenings and summers. She then became a Regional Superintendent for the 28 schools in Baltimore City, from which position she retired.

For some years she owned acreage in Monkton and lived there with her two race horses, eight poodles and two cats. On one occasion, when her veterinarian was not available, she was forced to deliver the foal of her mare. She expects to use our pool and is looking forward to gardening.

- Betsy Griffin

APARTMENT CHANGES:

Jeanette Westlake	F10	to	S-206
Charlotte Holden	R10	to	H-273

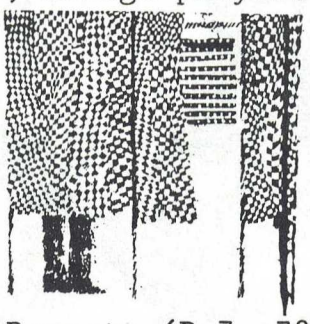
CHANGES IN VOTER REGISTRATION

If you have not re-registered to vote since your arrival at Broadmead, now is the hour to do it! We will have a Primary and a General Election in 1994.

HOWARD and MARION (Meiser) STALEY
D-13 526-1057 September 1993

The Staleys are Baltimoreans and have three daughters who were also born in Maryland, two of whom are still living in the state. They have seven grandchildren. Marion attended Forest Park High School, the Maryland Institute of Art and the Johns Hopkins University. Howard is a McDonogh School graduate and attended the University of Baltimore. She is a painter and was a teacher of art and a docent at the Walters Art Gallery. He was an active service club member for 27 years, working with both the Lions Club and the Towson Rotary Club. Howard served in the Navy for three years during World War II and returned to spend a 38-year career in the oil business, chiefly with Exxon, moving about Maryland, Delaware and D.C. and retiring as Retail Oil Heat Coordinator.

One of Howard's great interests has been the McDonogh School where he has served as Trustee, President of the Alumni Association and is currently volunteering two days a week in the Alumni Office. He is an avid watcher of sports, and he and Marion are readers, bridge players and travelers.



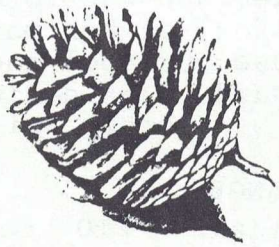
Esther Bennett (D-7, 785-3328) is the new Registration Aide and will provide liaison with the Baltimore County Board of Election Supervisors. If you have any questions, call upon her for help. As a longtime active member of the League of Women Voters, she is well qualified to assist you.

-Jean Moser

PRESERVATION ON THE TRAIL

Last year, deer ravaged our rhododendron bushes, reducing healthy plants to woebegone specimens. We have taken firm countermeasures. On an October-bright-blue-day, nine Trail people met in the Summerhouse, consumed lunch, tied fragments of Irish Spring soap into precut pieces of panty hose, and then attached the packages to the most accessible of the stricken branches. Be warned. The rhododendrons will sport a new fragrance this fall, and the deer, we trust, will steer clear.

-Sarah Cooper



OPEN FORUM

FOCUS ON THE UNITED NATIONS

Broadmead welcomed Barbara Elfbrandt from the U.N., where there are many non-government organizations not only keeping tabs on what is happening there but also representing concerns of people (in this instance Quakers) from around the world. The Security Council, which used to meet once a month, now meets on 24-hour call. This increased attention to the trouble spots on the globe has expanded the role of the U.N. from that of "peace-keeping" between member states to one of "peace-enforcement" and "nation-building" within member states.

There have been positive results: Namibia - where a new country has been nurtured in its complete independence from South Africa. Rwanda - where political liberation groups were bogged down, creating over half a million refugees. Cambodia - where there has been supervision of elections. United Nations forces have been withdrawn from that country, where they helped train local police and cleared mines.

Over a long period of time, the role of the U.N. has been one of "peace-keeping" in Cyprus. In Liberia the role is one of observation of the distribution of humanitarian aid. The U.N. finds itself in situations where there are no guidelines: in Somalia, where there is no government; in Yugoslavia, which is breaking up into smaller states.

How does the U.N. meet its increased expenses? In some crises "donor meetings" raise the money. The 1992-93 budget of $2.36 million falls short. The number of "peace-making" troops has dramatically increased.

Questions: Should we turn to the use of more civilians in dealing with conflict, less to the point of the gun? Is there a role for highly trained civilians?

One thing is clear: the U.N. has passed from "peace-keeping" between member states to working at "peace-making," from dealing primarily with relations between states to more involvement in "nation-building."

-Marshall Sutton

DR. PRICE RETURNS
January 5 through February 2

Dr. Richard Price, scholar and master teacher of British and American literature and recipient of a doctorate in these disciplines from Northwestern University, will present a series of five lectures beginning January 5. These one-hour lectures will be given in the Auditorium at 11:00 AM each Wednesday.

The general theme will be "Significant Works from 1993 into Early 1994." The preliminary bibliography includes: Tartt,D., The Secret of History; Morgan, A., Westward Oh Dawn; Roberts, D., Sister Aimee; Styron, W., A Tidewater Morning and some contemporary poetry.

As has been the custom, guidelines and additional bibliography will be provided for each lecture. A complete bibliography will be presented before the series begins.

The Continuing Education Committee will distribute registration forms in November. The fee remains the same: $20 for the complete series. This is payable at the time of registration.

-Jean Moser

HEALTH CONCERNS: AN EDITORIAL

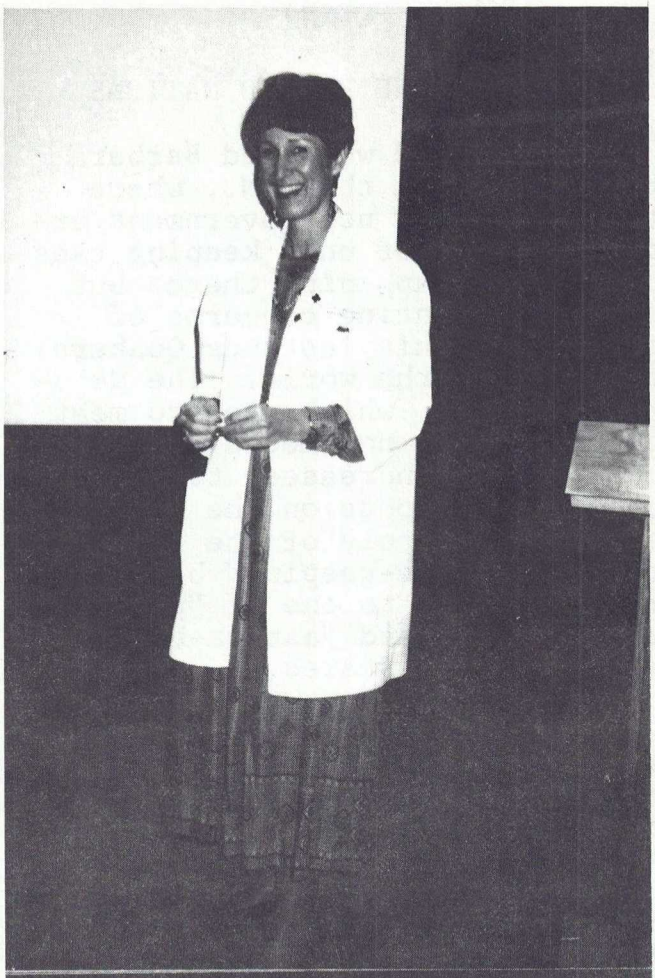
Much as we dislike being reminded of our mortality, we nonetheless are grateful to the Residents Health Care Committee for bringing us information on medical problems.

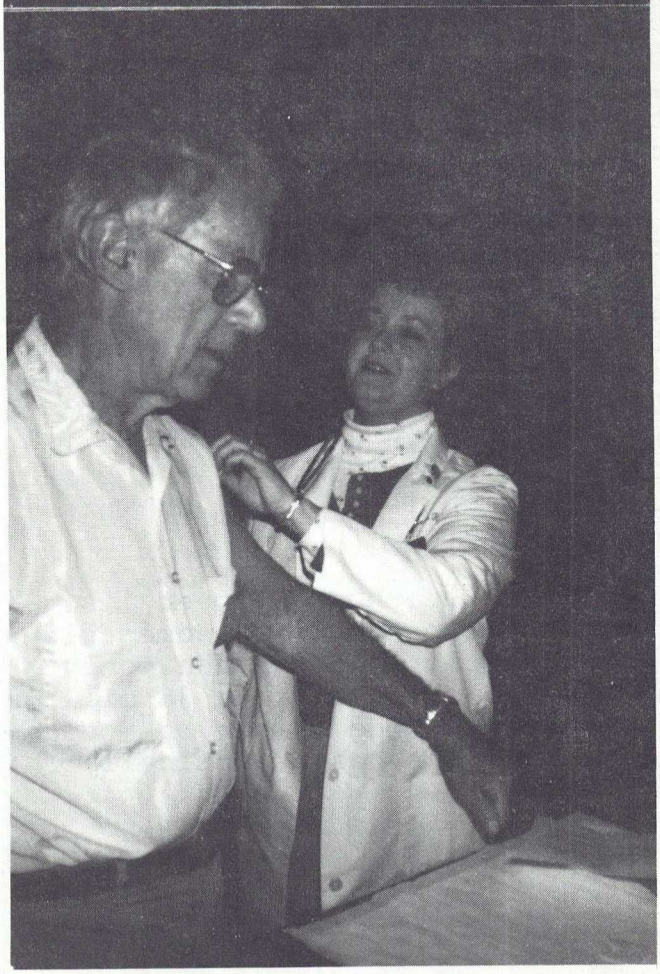
The latest such program featured Nurse Practioner Barbara MacDonald, who, in addition to being easy to look at, gave us a comprehensive view of "Heart Sense." The overflow auditorium was testament to our interest in what she had to say.

After refreshing our memories of Physiology 101, Barbara went on to discuss risk factors (pick your grandparents carefully) and the various forms of heart disease. She explained the various techniques for detecting heart problems, e.g., EKG, stress tests and blood pressure readings, and went on to explain options for treating them.

Questions from the floor were many -- a great number of them being about medications. We do want to know what we're taking and why we're taking it.

Let's have more of these important programs, please!
-RWB





BARN SALE 1993

Thursday, November 11

7:30-8:30 AM: Residents and Employees

8:30 AM-3:00 PM: Residents, Employees, Families, General Public

Friday, November 12

9:00 AM-1:00 PM: Residents, Employees, Families, General Public

ENJOYING AND SHARING

To bring you up to date on what s happening to our back-dated magazines:

Old New Yorkers never die, but, because of space, we have to be hard-hearted and keep only a special issue or two. This holds true of most of the 120 or so periodicals: we shelve one non-current issue in the little room between the Seminar Room and the Photography Workshop. These non-current issues may be borrowed. Leave your name and apartment number in the box on top of the file cabinet.

From the beginning, Broadmead's Library has kept National Geographic. We have also cherished American Heritage, Audubon, Natural History and Smithsonian. Many Residents have beautiful antiques, the rest of us are admirers, so we have a long run of Antiques. And since most of us are locally oriented, we started acquiring Baltimore and Maryland several years ago.

For those interested in world affairs, we have Foreign Affairs, dating from 1988. Active art and ceramics classes are to be catered to; hence a variety of older art magazines are kept in the Art Room on the lower level, and Sotheby's is squeezed into the "little room" referred to above. A continuous interest in birds has led us to make room for a few years of Bird Watcher's Digest and Birder's World.

What do we do with the duplicates? They are distributed all over the Center - OP, Employees, Taylor, Hallowell and Lower Level. Volunteers at GBMC lug them to the waiting rooms at the hospital. The more scholarly ones are sent to the University of Baltimore.

It is a truism that there is no magazine that can't claim an audience, so the sooner you bring yours to the GIFT BOX in the Library, the better.

- Marjorie Jones

GOOD NEWS

The Health Care Decisions Act, which became law on October first, gives definite legal support to the use of advance medical directives. This is good news for Residents who have already prepared and filed such documents and for Residents who may be contemplating doing so.

This statement appears in the Act:

> "A valid Living Will or Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care made prior to October 1, 1993, shall be given effect as provided in this Article even if not executed in accordance with the terms of this Article."

This assures Residents who have already made these documents that they are not required to make new ones. However, they may wish to do so. It would be advisable to review documents to determine if new ones are preferred.

Those members of the Last Choices Committee who were active in monitoring the progress of (and, to a small degree, in contributing to) this legislation have been conferring with our Medical Director about ways by which all Residents may learn about the importance of the Health Care Decisions Act and may have opportunity to discuss it. It is hoped that a general meeting will be called soon for this purpose.

-Winnie Kinn, Chair,
Last Choices Committee
-Ruth Bristol, Chair,
Section on Legislation

UNSOLICITED MAIL - WHAT TO DO?

When you shop by mail, the merchandiser often sells your name - for profit - to others of similar ilk. Your seemingly innocuous purchase spawns unending generations of unfamiliar and usually unwanted solicitations. (The only consolation is that it's all recyclable.) If you'd like to reverse that pattern try this:

1. To stop unsolicited mailings, but not your favorite catalogs,call or write those merchandisers and ask them to "suppress" your name, not sell it or share it. Most will comply. When there is a "box" for that purpose on an order form, always check it.

2. To stop all unsolicited mailings (including catalogs), send your request to: Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Associtiion, P.O. Box 9009, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008.

For best results, include all possible variations of your name and address, especially those printed on mailings already received, e.g., James isn't Jim, nor does Mrs. James L.= Mrs. J.L. or Mary G.; include Apt.# and "Cockeysville-Hunt Valley." Computers don't think; they just react to the familiar.

Since some non-profit organizations share or exchange their lists among themselves, try #1. When memorial or honor contributions are "one-time" gifts, it may be a kindness to note that fact on an enclosure.

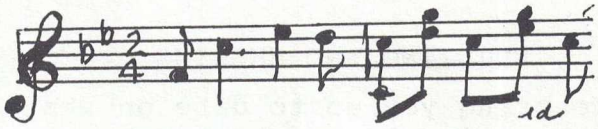
"They" say you can expect less unsolicited mail in 90 days and none in six months. 100%? Maybe not, but remember: "the Perfect is the worst enemy of the Good!"

(Editor: We are indebted to Nancy Rowe for this reminder.)

In Memoriam

JOHN MICHAEL

June 13, 1907-October 21, 1993



VINCENT CRAIG, Piano
JAMES SHERRY, Trumpet

A couple of unusual things happened in recital on the last Sunday afternoon in September: a Broadmead audience received a good dose of modern atonal music, 20th Century style, and was introduced to the trumpet, classical style.

To many of us the trumpet is synonomous with jazz and Louis Armstrong; to some of us it recalls the off-stage fanfare of Beethoven's Leonore. Paul Hindemith, espouser of the modern idiom, further demonstrated the versatility of this instrument by writing a sonata for it and piano, the major work of the afternoon. Mr. Sherry played a solo piece by living composer Stanley Friedman, considerably enlivened by the sounding of the fire alarm! A short, lively Rondo for Lifey by Leonard Bernstein was a concluding duo.

The rather long program was liberally sprinkled with piano numbers by Mendelssohn, Bach and Chopin and beautifully played by Vincent Craig. Both artists are students for the doctorate at the Peabody Conservatory.

- B-flat

BIRDS ON BROADMEAD'S LIFE LIST now total 152 species. Seven were added this past year: Cooper's hawk; Bald eagle, soaring over the ridge; Pectoral sandpiper, Lesser yellowlegs, Greater yellowlegs in wetlands, en route to s. South America. Worm-eating warbler and Dickcissel, which is uncommon in Maryland, were wind screen fatalities and will be mounted for MOS museum display.

- Nancy Rowe

BULLETIN BOARD

EAST HALL EXHIBITIONS

TOUCH TOY Hangings by Residents:
November 3 - November 17

"Paintings-Oils and Pastels" by Osra Farinholt postponed until January 1994.

SATURDAY EVENING PROGRAMS

7:15 PM - Auditorium

November 6: "One Year Before the Mast." KATE RIEPE CHAMBERS will tell about her one-year sailing adventure around the North Atlantic, Mediterranean and Caribbean. SLIDES.

November 20: "The Older the Bolder-A Visit to the North Pole." SUSAN SCHMIDT of York, Pa. will describe her ski trek to the North Pole. She is the third woman ever to reach the pole without mechanical aid. Her endurance was tested in the 120-mile cross-country trip.

MUSIC IN THE LOUNGE

Thursday, November 11: 7:00 PM.
LET'S SING

Saturday, November 13: 7:15 PM.
BALTIMORE HARBOR CHORUS

Sunday, November 28: 1:45 PM.
MANDOLIN ORCHESTRA

OPEN FORUM

Thursdays, 10:30 AM - Auditorium

November 4: ALICE TOBLER, "The Struggle over the Clinton Health Plan."

November 18: ALICE TOBLER, "The Effects of the Health Plan on the States, especially Maryland."

VESPERS

Sunday, November 21: 4:30 PM - Lounge.

REV. ROBERT LAWRENCE, Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church, Woodbrook.

MOVIES

Tuesdays, 7:15 PM - Auditorium

November 2: LEAP OF FAITH (Steve Martin, Debra Winger). 1992. 108 minutes. Rev. Jonas Nightingale trades salvation for donations to his touring ministry. When his bus breaks down in an impoverished farm town, he gets a lesson in real miracles that changes his life.

November 9: THE LITTLE FOXES. 1941. 116 minutes. Bette Davis gives an unforgettable performance as Regina Giddens, a vicious woman, who destroys everyone around her while trying to satisfy her desire for wealth and social position.

November 16: THE LEMON SISTERS. (Diane Keaton) 1990. 93 minutes. A comedy about one of life's greatest challenges - staying friends. Eloise, Franki and Nola met at a Boardwalk beauty pageant when they were nine. They formed a singing group, The Lemon Sisters. Did they survive their many changes to prove that "one alone is a lemon, but three is a jackpot"?

November 23: INDIAN SUMMER. (Alan Arkin, Diana Lane) 1993. 97 minutes. Eight friends reunite at their summer camp after 20 years. They pick up right where they left off; but despite their efforts to relax, two decades of memories trigger them to examine where their life choices have taken them. Is it possible to come of age more than once?

November 30: OVER THE HILL (Olympia Dukakis) 1993. 135 minutes. An eccentric 60-year-old widow escapes her son's well-meaning but restrictive world and makes a daring, often humorous, trip across Australia to Sydney, home of her estranged daughter.

EMPLOYEES' CRAFT FAIR

Wednesday, November 24
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
AUDITORIUM

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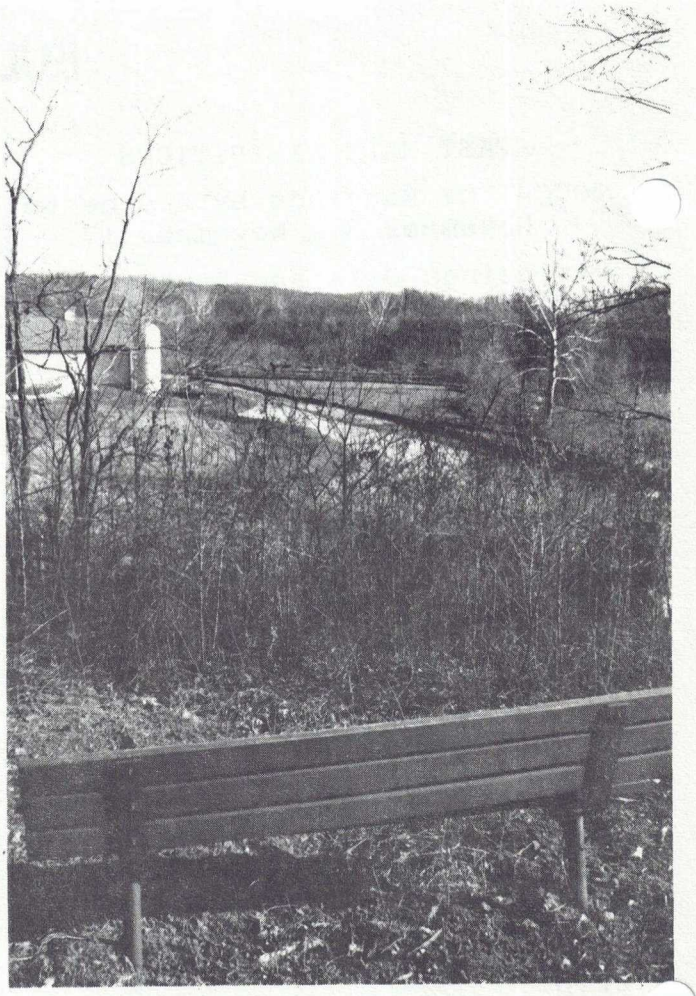

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